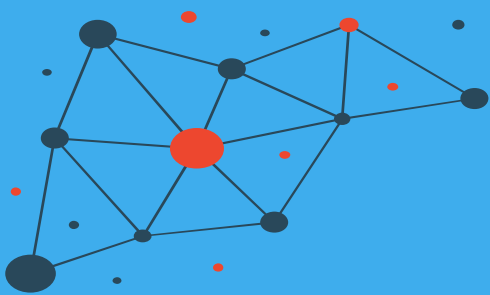# Spectrum Scale User Group at SC17

Denver, CO
November 12, 2017
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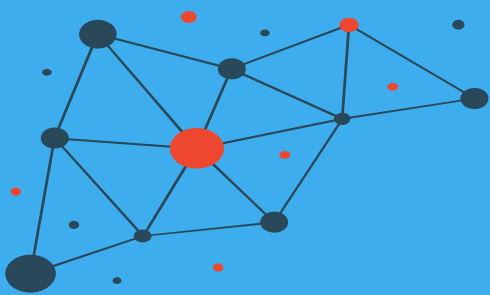Robert Oesterlin (usa-co-principal@gpfsug.org)
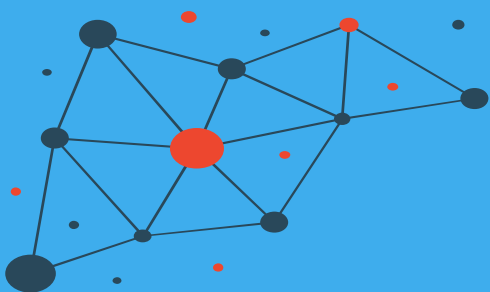Simon Thompson (chair@gpfsug.org)

User Group Structure

- Open to all using, interested in using or integrating GPFS
  - No sign up required, helpful if you join the mailing list
    - http://www.gpfsug.org/join/
  - Web Site:
    - http://www.spectrumscale.org
- Community Consists of:
  - Online community (website, mailing list, webinars)
  - In-person Events held 2-4 times/year
  - Committee in UK:
    - Chair, secretary, co-chair and 1 media industry representative
  - Committee in USA (USA Chapter):
    - Principal and Co-principal (need sector representatives!)
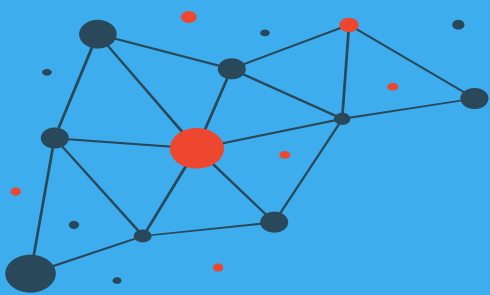
Focus on Users, not Sales

- The Spectrum Scale Users Group is not to be used as a sales and marketing platform:
  - it is about the community 1st and
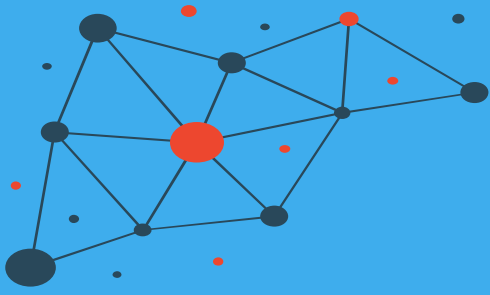 - the technology 2nd, regardless of the supplier

IBM Involvement

- Whilst it is not an officially IBM-endorsed group, support is received to hold meetings and through provision of speakers from IBM
  - Special thanks to Doris Conti, Ted Hoover, Ulf Troppens, Peter Basmajian and lots of other IBMers for their participation and support
  - Looking forward to continuing this relationship

Upcoming Events

- December 12 - Computing Insight, Manchester, UK

- Feb 28/Mar 1 - German Spectrum Scale User Meeting (note: it's in German!)

- April 18th & 19th 2018 – Spectrum Scale User Group Meeting in the UK

Your Users Group

- Should be driven by participant requests for topics

- Value in learning from what other sites have done

- Your contributions are important and valued

- Group is what you make of it

- Please help shape future events and agendas